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SUBJECT: DECEMBER 1976 QUADRIpartite MEETING: BERLIN
AND GERMANY ASPECTS

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BEGIN SUMMARY: THIS CABLE PROVIDES A STATUS REPORT OF
DISCUSSIONS IN THE BONN GROUP OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
DECEMBER QUADRIpartite MEETINGS. END SUMMARY.

1. QUADRIpartite DINNER. ALL MINISTERS HAVE ACCEPTED
SECRETARY CROSLAND'S INVITATION FOR DINNER ON WEDNESDAY
EVENING, DECEMBER 8. THE DINNER WILL BE HELD AT THE
RESIDENCE OF THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM. A TIME
HAS NOT YET BEEN SET.

2. MINISTERIAL MEETING. THE US REP REPORTED THE
DEPARTMENT'S ASSUMPTION (PARA 2.A, REFTel) THAT AFTER-
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DINNER DISCUSSION WOULD COMMENCE WITH BERLIN AND GERMANY

ISSUES, WHICH WOULD BE TREATED IN THE LARGER GROUP, AND THAT PARTICIPATION WOULD THEN BE REDUCED TO THE MINISTERS PLUS ONE. SOME REPS WONDERED WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE PREFERABLE TO HAVE A MEETING ON BERLIN AND GERMANY JUST BEFORE DINNER AND DEVOTE THE ENTIRE AFTER-DINNER MEETING TO OTHER SUBJECTS. BEFORE AGREEING TO THE US PROPOSAL, THE UK REP (HITCH) PREFERRED TO SEEK LONDON'S VIEWS.

3. SENIOR LEVEL MEETING -- TIME. ALL REPS AGREE ON THE DESIRABILITY OF A SENIOR LEVEL MEETING ON THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 8 IN BRUSSELS. GIVEN THE PROBABLE NEED FOR SOME DRAFTING BETWEEN THE SENIOR LEVEL MEETING AND THE MINISTERIAL DINNER, THE MEETING SHOULD START

AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, PERHAPS 2:00 OR 2:30 P.M. THE FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) WONDERED IF THIS MIGHT NOT BE DEPENDENT ON ETA OF THE US DELEGATION. HE ALSO THOUGHT A WORKING LUNCHEON WOULD BE DESIRABLE, AND HITCH AGREED TO TRY OUT THE IDEA ON LONDON. HITCH WILL ALSO SEEK INFORMATION ON THE PLACE FOR THE MEETING.

4. SENIOR LEVEL MEETING -- PARTICIPANTS. UK: HIBBERT (WHO HAS REPLACED ALAN CAMPBELL AS DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE), GOODALL, AND HITCH. FRANCE: DE LABOULAYE, ANDREANI, PLAISANT, AND BOISSIEU. FRG: HENZE ASSUMES VAN WELL WILL HEAD THE DELEGATION.

5. COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON BERLIN AND GERMANY. THE BONN GROUP AGREED TO AIM FOR DISTRIBUTING A DRAFT TO OTHER ALLIES SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE THE MINISTERIAL, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT STILL MUST BE GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL BY MINISTERS. THE FRG HAS NOT YET TABLED A DRAFT.

6. BRIEFING OF ALLIES IN NAC. THE BONN GROUP ALSO AGREES ON THE DESIRABILITY OF PROVIDING A BRIEFING IN THE NAC, WHICH COULD BE TAKEN FROM THE ASSESSMENT TO BE PREPARED FOR THE QUADRIPARTITE MEETING. THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC DISAGREEMENT WITH THE IDEA THAT THE BRIEFING CONFIDENTIAL

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SHOULD BE GIVEN BY THE NATO PERMREP OF THE COUNTRY IN THE CHAIR IN BERLIN, ALTHOUGH THE FRG UNDOUBTEDLY REALIZES THAT CONVERTING THIS PRACTICE INTO A TRADITION WOULD MEAN THE FRG PERMREP WOULD NEVER PRESENT THE BRIEFING. HITCH TOSSED OUT THE IDEA THAT THE PERMREP OF THE COUNTRY HOSTING THE QUADRIPARTITE DINNER MIGHT BE CALLED UPON TO PROVIDE THE BRIEFING. THE QUESTION WAS LEFT FOR DISCUSSION AT A LATER DATE. COMMENT: HITCH'S

IDEA WOULD PROVIDE A MORE EQUITABLE SHARING OF THE RESPONSIBILITY. THE US IS ALWAYS IN THE CHAIR IN BERLIN IN MAY AND NOVEMBER, AND FRANCE IN DECEMBER. DECIDING THE BRIEFING QUESTION ON THE BASIS OF BERLIN CHAIRMANSHIP WOULD THUS MEAN THAT THE SEMI-ANNUAL BRIEFINGS WOULD BE THE EXCLUSIVE DOMAIN OF THE US AND THE FRENCH PERMREPS.

7. AGENDA FOR QUADRIPARTITE MEETING. THE BONN GROUP AGREED WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTION (PARA 3.B, REFTTEL) THAT THERE BE AN AGENDA ONLY FOR THE SENIOR

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LEVEL MEETING. THERE WAS ALSO A CONSENSUS THAT THE AGENDA WOULD PROBABLY CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- L. COMMUNIQUE PASSAGE ON BERLIN
2. ASSESSMENT OF BERLIN SITUATION

3. BONN GROUP PAPER ON STATUS OF BERLIN
4. BONN GROUP STUDY ON FOREIGN REPRESENTATION
5. FRG PLANS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH USSR AND
GDR WHICH INVOLVE BERLIN QUESTIONS

THE FRG REP DID NOT REACT TO OUR PROPOSAL OF THE LAST
ITEM, BUT THE UK AND FRENCH REPS AGREE THAT IT WILL BE
A KEY POINT FOR DISCUSSION.

8. ASSESSMENT. THERE IS AGREEMENT ON THE DESIRABILITY
OF AGAIN PREPARING AN ASSESSMENT OF THE OVERALL BERLIN
SITUATION AND ON THE FACT THAT IT CAN BE CONSIDERABLY
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SHORTER THAN THE MAY ASSESSMENT. BOISSIEU POINTS OUT
THAT LITTLE WILL HAVE CHANGED IN THE OVER-ALL
PSYCHOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION AND SUGGESTS THAT
THAT SECTION BE TREATED WITH ONE OR TWO LINES, OR NOT
AT ALL. THE UK HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE A FIRST DRAFT FOR
THE ASSESSMENT, BUT AS THE BONN GROUP IS STILL FAR FROM
AGREEMENT ON THE FRG REPRESENTATION STUDY, WORK ON THE
ASSESSMENT IS STILL FAR DOWN THE ROAD.

9. SENIOR LEVEL REPORT TO MINISTERS. ALL REPS AGREE
THAT SUCH A REPORT HAS BEEN USEFUL AND COULD AGAIN SERVE
AS AN AGENDA FOR THE MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION.

10. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION, WHEN AVAILABLE,
ON ETA OF US PARTICIPANTS IN THE SENIOR LEVEL MEETING,
AS AN AID TO SCHEDULING THE TIME OF THAT MEETING. WOULD
THEY BE AVAILABLE FOR A LUNCHEON, IF ONE WERE OFFERED
BY THE UK?

B. RE PARA SIX ABOVE, WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING
WHETHER DEPARTMENT OR USNATO HAS STRONG PREFERENCES AS
TO WHICH NATO PERMREP SHOULD PRESENT THE NAC BRIEFING.
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